Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer-useable medium having computer-readable instructions embodied thereon for providing access to digital media files on a digital device, said computer-readable instructions comprising:

first instructions adapted to generate a media view that provides access to the digital media files ~~and associates the digital media files with a period of time~~; and

second instructions adapted to generate a media handle that provides the ability to browse media files in the media view generated by the computer program product ~~over several periods of time~~by using the media handle, the second instructions further adapted to provide the ability to browse for media files matching ~~periods of time within the view of the computer program product according to~~ a chosen browse parameter and according to a manually-controlled speed of the browsing determined by the relative deflected position of the media handle from a centerline position for the media handle, and the second instructions further adapted to automatically ~~alter~~ decrease the manually-controlled speed of the browsing by computer program instruction control ~~using the media handle~~ when a media file having the chosen browse parameter ~~is approached~~ approaches or is in the media view.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the browse parameter is chosen from any combination of items of metadata associated with the media files.

4. (previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the browse parameter is chosen from one or more items of metadata associated with periods of time.

5. (previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 3, wherein the item of metadata is chosen from the group consisting of time, media file type, media file size, media file bookmark, media file annotation, media file representation, media file title, media file name, topic, content, location, situation, preferences, contact information, names of people, names of electronic devices, technical information of electronic devices, items described in the media file and tables of content information.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for decreasing the speed of the browsing in relation to the distance of the approaching media file and extent of a deviation of the media handle from ~~a~~ the centerline position.

8. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for increasing the speed of the browsing when a media file~~, in accord with~~ having the chosen browse parameter~~,~~ bypasses ~~a~~ the centerline position of a view generated by the computer program product.

9. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 8, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for increasing the speed of the browsing in relation to the distance of the bypassing media file and extent of a deviation of the media handle from the centerline position.

10. (previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the first instructions associate the digital media files with a period of time based upon information associated with the digital media file.

11. (previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 1, further comprising third instructions for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format and associates events with respective periods of time.

12. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 11, wherein the first instructions associates digital media files with a past period of time and wherein the third instructions associates events with respective future periods of time.

13. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for browsing the media items by stepping directly to the period of time including the media file having the chosen browse parameter.

14. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions to browse a media view, a calendar view and a time bar.

15. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further provides for a browsing step function that is proportional to a movement of the media handle along a time bar.

16. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further provides for generating a center mark on the media handle that indicates the period of time that is browsed to ~~a~~ the centerline of the view of the computer program product.

17. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further provides for a speed of browsing that is proportional to the distance that the media handle is deviated from ~~a~~ the centerline position on a view of the computer program product.

18. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 17, wherein the second instructions further provides for a speed of browsing that accelerates when the media handle is deviated a certain distance from the centerline position on the view of the computer program product.

19. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 17, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for increasing the speed of browsing as the distance from the centerline position is increased.

20. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 17, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for decreasing the speed of browsing as the distance from the centerline position is decreased.

21. (currently amended) The computer program product of Claim 18, wherein the second instructions further includes instructions for ~~decreasing the speed of the browsing when a media file having the chosen browse parameter enters a viewable area of the display and~~ increasing the speed of the browsing when the media file having the chosen browse parameter bypasses the viewable area of the display.

22. (currently amended) ~~A digital device, the device~~An apparatus comprising:

a processing unit that executes computer-readable program instructions adapted to access media files, the computer–readable program instructions comprising:

first instructions adapted to generate a media view that provides access to digital media files ~~and associates digital media files with a period of time~~, and

second instructions ~~for generating~~adapted to generate a media handle adapted to browse media files in the media view generated by the processing unit ~~over several periods of time~~ by using the media handle, the second instructions further adapted to provide the ability to browse for media files matching a chosen browse parameter and according to a manually-controlled speed of the browsing determined by the relative deflected position of the media handle from a centerline position for the media handle, and the second instructions further adapted to automatically ~~alter~~ decrease the manually-controlled speed of the browsing by computer program instruction control when the processing unit determines that a media file having the chosen browse parameter is approaching or currently in the media view;

an input device in communication with the processing unit and adapted to control the deflection of the media handle, thereby manually controlling the speed of the browsing and defining the manually-controlled speed of the browsing; and

a display in communication with the processing unit that presents a combined view of the media view and the media handle.

23. (currently amended) The ~~digital device~~apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the computer-readable program instructions further comprising a third instructions adapted to generate a calendar view that represents time in calendar format, associates events with respective periods of time and is presented by the display in combination with the media view and media handle.

24. (currently amended) A method for browsing media files in a media application, the method comprising:

providing a media view and a media handle on a display associated with a device implementing the media application, wherein the media handle is adapted to provide manually-controlled browsing of media files in the media view;

defining a browse parameter for desired media files;

deviating the media handle a distance from a centerline position ~~on the display~~for the media handle;

browsing media files ~~setting a browse~~ at a speed corresponding ~~according~~ to the distance that the media handle is ~~deviates~~ deviated from the centerline position ~~in order to locate desired media files within the media view~~, thereby defining a manually-controlled browse speed; and

automatically ~~altering~~ decreasing the manually-controlled browse speed of the media handle when a desired media file ~~is approached~~ approaches or is within the media view.

25. (currently amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising manually adjusting the deviation distance of the media handle from the centerline position and adjusting the manually controlled browse speed of the media handle according to the adjusted deviation distance ~~to locate the desired media file within the media view~~.

26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein defining a browse parameter further comprises defining a browse parameter chosen from the group consisting of time, media file type, media file size, metadata information, media file bookmark~~s~~, ~~and~~ media file representation, media file annotation, media file title, media file name, topic, content, location, situation, preference, contact information, name of a person, name of an electronic device, technical information of an electronic device, item described in the media file, and table of content information.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The method of Claim 24, further comprising ~~wherein automatically altering the browse speed further comprises automatically decreasing the browse speed when media files of a type associated with the desired media file are within the media view and~~ automatically increasing the

manually-controlled browse speed of the media handle when desired media files ~~of a type associated with the desired media file~~ are not within the media view.

30. (new) The computer program product of Claim 1, wherein the second instructions further provide for stopping the browsing when the media handle is released.

31. (new) The computer program product of Claim 30, wherein the second instructions further provide for automatically returning the media handle to a rest position corresponding to the centerline position when the media handle is released.

32. (new) The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the second instructions further include instructions for automatically increasing the speed of the browsing when a media file having the chosen browse parameter bypasses the centerline position of the media view.

33. (new) The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the first instructions associate the digital media files with a period of time based upon information associated with the digital media files.

34. (new) The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the second instructions further provide for a speed of browsing that is proportional to the distance that the media handle is deviated from the centerline position on the media view.

35. (new) The apparatus of Claim 22, wherein the second instructions further provide for stopping the browsing when the media handle is released.

36. (new) The apparatus of Claim 35, wherein the second instructions further provide for automatically returning the media handle to a rest position corresponding to the centerline position when the media handle is released.

37. (new) The method of Claim 24, further comprising automatically increasing the speed of the browsing when a media file having the chosen browse parameter bypasses the centerline position of the media view.

38. (new) The method of Claim 24, further comprising associating the digital media files with a period of time based upon information associated with the digital media files.

39. (new) The method of Claim 24, wherein the manually-controlled browse speed is proportional to the distance that the media handle is deviated from the centerline position on the media view.

40. (new) The method of Claim 24, further comprising stopping the browsing when the media handle is released.

41. (new) The method of Claim 40, further comprising automatically returning the media handle to a rest position corresponding to the centerline position when the media handle is released.